GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Illegal Fire Arms
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is concerned about the prevalence of illegal fire arms and murders committed using unlicensed guns in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to seize the illegal fire arms;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the total number of illegal firearms seized and the action taken against the guilty during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) whether the National Crime Records Bureau has recently released a report in this regard, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto;

(e) whether the Union Government has taken any steps in consultation with the State Governments to check the manufacturing, sale and use of such unlicensed/illegal firearms;

(f) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(g) the other steps taken by the the Union Government to check such cases in future along with the details of advisories issued to the States and police departments in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)
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(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. A total number of 55,453 arms were seized in the country in 2014. The state-wise details of cases reported, cases charge-sheeted, cases convicted, persons arrested, persons charge-sheeted and persons convicted under Arms Act, 1959 during the last three years 2012, 2013 & 2014 is at Annexure.

d): The National Crime Records Bureau has not released any specific report in this regard.

(e) to (g): The Ministry has not issued any arms licence for manufacture of arms. However, the sale of fire arms is under the purview of the State Government. To check the proliferation of arms in the country the National Data Base on Arms Licence (NDAL) has been initiated which is being operationalised in conjunction with the licensing authorities in the State Governments/ UTs.
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